

The RCC Weekly

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In the News

THE BAY STATE Banner

Click [HERE](#) to read an article in the Bay State Banner on April 5th about RCC's biotech program: *"Students in Roxbury Community College's biotechnology program gain valuable experience"*

NEMATYC Scholarship



Leslie Moses won a \$100 scholarship as a result of her participation in the American Mathematical Association of Two Year Colleges (AMATYC) Student Math League.

Colleges across the nation compete by taking a test once a semester. The top five scores from each college are added together for the institution's semester score. The two semester scores (Fall and Spring in each academic year) are added together to give the institutions total score. This is the first year RCC has participated.

NEMATYC, the New England branch of AMATYC, offers one \$100 scholarship to the student at each New England Community College who participates in both the Fall and Spring exam and gets the highest combined score.

NEMATYC is a nonprofit professional organization whose mission is to encourage and promote the expansion and improvement of the mathematics curriculum, mathematics education, and related experiences of students in two-year colleges, and in similar programs within any institution of higher education, in the greater New England area.
(www.nematyc.org)

Movie Showing

In Celebration of National Autism Month, RCC faculty staff and students are invited to a viewing of the movie, **Phoebe in Wonderland** on Thursday, April 19th, 11:20–1:00. The room location will be announced soon. This heartfelt story of a troubled, imaginative girl (Elle Fanning) devoted to Alice in Wonderland



explores the agonies of growing up as an outsider and the complexities of parenting. Oscar nominee Felicity Huffman gives one of the most powerful performances of her career as Phoebe's guilt-ridden mother. She and her perplexed husband initially see Phoebe's unusual behavior as signs of creativity, but with the help of an unconventional drama teacher (Oscar nominee Patricia Clarkson), they soon realize that their daughter is in danger of falling "through the looking glass."

Click [HERE](#) to watch the movie trailer.

Please contact Linda O'Connor, Ext. 5006, Room 3-207C by April 17 to reserve a seat

Presented by Disability Services and the generosity of Professor Richard Eells.

Mark Your Calendar

April 16: Patriot's Day Holiday

April 17: Pre-Registration for Summer I & II begins

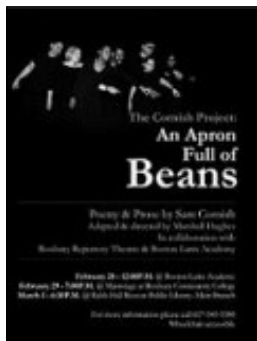
April 21-30: Adjunct Faculty Evaluations

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Media Arts News

The Cornish Project: An Apron Full Of Beans

An encore performance will be presented this Friday, April 13 at 10am and 7pm at Mainstage Theater. The events are free and open to the public. Please feel free to bring classes and guests. The performance is about 75 minutes long with no intermission.



Boston Poet Laureate Sam Cornish joins forces with Roxbury Repertory Theater to create a moving performance piece from selected poems and prose. Gathered from his collection *An Apron Full of Beans*, the Company sets Cornish's eloquent witty and thought provoking words to movement and music. The

poetry touches on voices past and addresses the poet's thoughts on family, race, music, and civil rights among other topics. Woven together as echoes of ancestors and experiences, Roxbury Repertory Theater has created a thought-provoking quilt that gives a glimpse of African American experiences. The stories are told through a multi-racial cast that includes the company's core actors as well as invited artists from the Greater Boston Community.

Cornish and Director Marshall Hughes believe the power of words should be shared by all. The performances are free of charge and sponsored in part by The Friends of the Arts at Roxbury Community College.

6 Playwrights In Search of a Stage

Where: Mainstage Theater, Media Arts Center, bldg. 1

When: Friday, April 27th at 7pm

Admission: FREE

Special Feature: "Brickwork" by RRT 2012 Playwright Laureate Kate Snodgrass

For information about either of these events contact Pamela Green— email: pgreen@rcc.mass.edu, phone: 617-541-5380

STEM Update

STEM Trip

Mr. Horace Shearer, Director of the Mattapan Clinic Laboratory, and a friend of RCC, invited Professor Stacey Olson's Microbiology class to visit the Mattapan lab. Later in the day, they visited the many labs at the Veterans' Administration Hospital. The students were thrilled to have the opportunity to visit two working labs. The College deeply appreciates Mr. Shearer for being a friend to RCC.



Division Meeting

The STEM Division Meeting will be held on Thursday April 19th from 11:30am-1pm. It is open to the College community and there is no need to register. The agenda will include faculty and student presentations of their work and research this year including but not limited to:

Chiso Okafor—Team Teaching

Nickolaus Sucher—DNA Fingerprinting, barcoding & sequencing

Zineb Berdjane—Using POGIL

Javad Moulai—LEAP Values

Stacey Olson—Best practices in "Energy"

Barbara Savage—Service Learning

Shaneque Barrows (student)—Shape Matters

RCC Tote Bags

Jump into Spring with a special hand crafted bag designed exclusively for Roxbury Community College. The bags, which come with blue or black accents, will be sold at the purchase price of \$20 each. All proceeds will support alumni programs

How can you get one?

Bags can be purchased at the Development Office. You can stop by Room 306 in the Administration Building or you can call 617-541-5394.

Checks should be made payable to Roxbury Community College Foundation. If you would like to pay by credit card, please go to the RCC Business Office.



Items for "The Weekly"

If you have something of interest that you would like to share with the college community, please submit it (by Tuesday afternoon) to Jacqueline Lynch at jlynch1@rcc.mass.edu